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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423
Attn: Danielle Gosselin

Re: **AB-1003x, Mohall Central Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment**
Exemption—in Nelson, Ramsey and Cavalier Counties, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. ("Mohall Central") wishes to file their comments in response to the Environmental Assessment issued in the above-referenced docket.

One of the recommended conditions is that Mohall Central consult with USFWS regarding the sale of three (3) parcels on the line to USFWS because those three parcels are part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Mohall Central contacted Stuart Wacker at the USFWS in Bismarck, North Dakota. Mr. Wacker indicated that the three parcels at issue are not part of the Refuge System, but are waterfowl protection areas. USFWS already owns the parcels, but may not own the railroad right-of-way going through the parcels. Also, Mr. Wacker indicated he had no concerns about salvage; USFWS just wants to acquire title to the railroad right-of-way traversing the three parcels at issue.

It is not clear that the STB can do what USFWS asks for, which would be to force a sale of these parcels to USFWS after abandonment.

Therefore, Mohall Central requests that the first recommended condition in the EA be changed so that it says that:

"Prior to sale of the right-of-way through the parcels identified by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as waterfowl protection areas, Mohall Central Railroad, Inc. shall consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service about selling the right-of-way through these parcels to the service. Nothing herein requires a sale to the Fish and Wildlife Service."

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Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Barron, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Michael J. Barron, Jr.

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